

## SULTAN CITY COUNCIL

### AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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ITEM NO: Staff report  
DATE: September 27, 2007  
SUBJECT: Redflex - Results of Survey

CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Knight, City Administrator 

#### ISSUE:

The staff report conveys the survey results of a pilot project performed by Redflex at three intersections along US 2 to determine if the City meets the company's minimum criteria for installing red light photo enforcement software.

**The intersections surveyed by Redflex did not meet the minimum criteria of 15 violations per intersection in a 12-hour period.**

An e-mail from Mr. Wade Bettisworth (Attachment A) notifies the City that Redflex will be unable to move forward with the photo enforcement program in Sultan at this time.

#### SUMMARY:

On February 22, 2007, Redflex representative, Wade Bettisworth provided a presentation to the City Council on the company's photo enforcement software program. The City Council directed staff to negotiate a contract with Redflex.

On June 28, 2007, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with Redflex for photo enforcement services.

On July 27, 2007, Wade Bettisworth contacted interim Police Chief Denny Richards with the photo enforcement survey results from June 11, 2007.

Redflex surveyed three intersections:

1. US 2 at 5<sup>th</sup> Street
2. US 2 at Sultan Basin Rd
3. US 2 at Old Owen Rd

Redflex requires a minimum of 15 violations per intersection during a 12-hour time frame for selecting a location for a red light camera system. Redflex also prefers that the majority of the violations be either left-hand turn or straight through movements.

The survey that Redflex conducted for the City did not meet these minimum standards and therefore, they are unable to move forward with the program at this time.

City	Date	Cross Street	Approach	LT	Throug h	R T	Tota l	Survey Comment	Viewer Comment
Sultan	6/11/2007	Hwy 2 & 5th St	EB	0	0	3	3		
			NB	0	0	0	0	not requested	
			SB	0	0	0	0	not requested	
			WB	0	0	0	0		Can't see thru or LT
		Hwy 2 & Basin Rd	EB	1	0	0	1		
			NB	0	0	0	0	not requested	
			SB	0	0	0	0	not requested	
			WB	0	0	0	0	not requested	
		Hwy 2 & Old Owen Rd	EB	0	0	1	1		
			NB	0	0	0	0	not requested	
			SB	0	0	0	0	not requested	
			WB	0	3	12	15		No PM

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact is the loss of possible income that could have been generated by violators. The City Council had hoped to use this funding to support police services.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – E-mail from Wade Bettisworth dated September 17, 2007

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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

**DATE:**

**Deborah Knight**

**From:** Wade Bettisworth [wbettisworth@redflex.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2007 6:04 PM  
**To:** Deborah Knight  
**Subject:** Red Light Video Survey

Hi Deborah: Thank you for the time that you gave me on the telephone recently. I appreciate having had the opportunity to review the survey results with you. As we discussed, a minimum of 15 violations during a 12-hour time frame is optimal in selecting a location for a red light camera system. It is also preferred that the majority of the violations be either left-hand turn or straight through movements. The survey that we conducted for the City did not meet these minimum standards and therefore we are unable to move forward with a program at this time. If the City desires, we can re-survey again in the future to see if these numbers have increased. Thank you for your interest in Redflex. Wade Bettisworth

**From:** Wade Bettisworth  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2007 9:18 AM  
**To:** 'Denny Richards'  
**Subject:** RE: Contract with Sultan Washington

Hi Denny: I just received the survey results today. We can discuss the results on Monday. I can be reached at 310-221-1521. Wade

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Sultan	6/11/2007	Hwy 2 & 5th St	EB	0	0	3	3			
			NB	0	0	0	0	not requested		
			SB	0	0	0	0	not requested		
			WB	0	0	0	0		C	
		Hwy 2 & Basin Rd	EB	1	0	0	1			L
			NB	0	0	0	0	not requested		
			SB	0	0	0	0	not requested		
			WB	0	0	0	0	not requested		
		Hwy 2 & Old Owen Rd	EB	0	0	1	1			
			NB	0	0	0	0	not requested		
			SB	0	0	0	0	not requested		
			WB	0	3	12	15		N	

**From:** Denny Richards [mailto:d.richards@sultanpolice.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2007 4:26 PM  
**To:** Wade Bettisworth  
**Subject:** Contract with Sultan Washington

9/18/2007

I am Denny Richards, Interim Chief of Police with the City of Sultan; I have been asked by the City Administrator to follow-up and complete the contract requirements with your company on this project. Please leave me a message at 360-793-1051 so we may move this project forward. I am only in the office on Monday and Tuesday's so I will get back to you on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Denny Richards  
Interim Chief of Police  
Sultan, Washington